denied entry into the stadium on 12-11-1993 and was allowed in very late on 13-11-1993.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Camera positions sought by Doordarshan were denied to it at Bombay by CCI.

Revenue Earned by Second Channel of Doordarshan

1506. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue earned by Doordarshan as on 31st October, 1993 from Second Channel/Metro Channel separately since its inception in Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta.

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to relax the norms for the production of programmes on Metro Channel;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Ministry is undertaking a complete review of the satellite channels including interim arrangements.

Functioning of FM Radio Station at Surat

1507. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the F.M. Radio Station at Surat in Gujarat is not working to the full satisfication of the people;

(b) if so, what is the current range and capacity of the F.M. Radio Station;

(c) whether Government propose to establish a full-fledged High Power Commercial Radio Station at Surat during the current financial year; and

(d) what are the yearly revenue earnings made by the All India Radio Stations at Bombay and Ahmedabad on commercial advertisements from Surat city, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The 2×3 KW FM Transmitter at Surat provides satisfactory service to an area of 60 Kms. around it.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During 1992-93, All India Radio, Ahmedabad earned Rs. 25,420/- through commercial advertisements from Surat city. During the first four months of the current financial year, no revenue has ben earned by All India Radio, Bombay or Ahmedabad from Surat based advertisers.

Permanent and Casual News Readers in Air Stations

1508. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of permanent and casual news readers in All India Radio Station, Delhi and in each State, language-wise as on date;

(b) what amount is being paid to a casual Reader and what is the duration terms of hours of service rendered by him/her per day in a week;

(c) whether they are employed on contract basis;

(d) if so, the details of permanent technical and casual staff, alongwith their salaries and service conditions;

(e) what is the criteria of selection of casual News Readers on contract basis in All India Radio;

(f) wheher the Association of All India Radio Workers and Staff has submitted any demand regarding salaries, working conditions, promotion cadres and better future prospects of the employees; and

revivusly unstarred question 181 transferred from 3-12-1993.

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha ;

(c) Casual news readers/Newsreader-cum-Translators are engaged on assignment basis only, as per the exigencies of the service.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) None of them is engaged on contract basis.

(f) and (g) An Association representing the All India Radio News-Casters has raised various demands from time to time and such demands are examined on a continuous basis in the light of relevant instructions of the Government on the subject.

Commissioning of New Television Transmitters

1509. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to commission new Television (Doordarshan) Low Power and High Power Transmitters during the Eight Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, what is the amount allocated for each of the proposed Doordarshan Kendras;

(c) whether Government have selected the centres where these TV Transmitters are to be set up ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) Doordarshan's VIII Plan outlay, inter-alia, includes a provision of Rs. 718.98 crores for transmission facilities. The details of transmitters/transposers presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the States/Union Territories of the country are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of TV Transmitters Under Implementation/Envisaged to be Set Up In the States/UTs

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	HPTs	LPTs	VLPTs	Transposers
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	28	4	—
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	1	5	—
3	Assam	1	7	1	—
4	Bihar	2	12	1	—
5	Goa	—	—	—	—
6	Gujarat	4	18	—	—
7	Haryana	1	2	—	—
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	13	7	—
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3	4	9	1
10	Karnataka	3	13	1	—
11	Kerala	2	3	2	—
12	Madhya Pradesh	3	16	4	—
13	Maharashtra	3	15	5	—
14	Manipur	1	—	2	—
15	Meghalaya	1	1	1	—
16	Mizoram	1	1	1	—
17	Nagaland	1	—	2	—